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Here are just some of the resources you'll find on our web site at www.bikewalk.org:

Increasing Physical Activity
Through Community Design:
Directed at the public health
community, this booklet features actions to make your
community more walkable

Our Vision of what a Bicycle Friendly and Walkable Community looks like

A Community Assessment Tool, to see how your community stacks up to the Vision

The Pedestrian Design Guide (in both .html & .pdf)

Our FREE biweekly enewsletter: CenterLines

A Direct Assistance section where you can get help on your own project

An on-line calendar of Training Opportunities

# NCBW Walkable Community Workshops

### What's A Walkable Community Workshop?

Walkable Community Workshops (WCW) are a central piece of the NCBW's effort to provide direct assistance to communities. The workshops, made possible in part by a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, bring together elected officials, public agency staff, public health practitioners, planners, engineers, and advocates to focus attention on making communities more walkable.

The program concentrates on identifying real-world problems and hands-on solutions for each community. During a four-hour workshop the participants identify opportunities to reduce barriers and enhance opportunities for walking in their community, and to build consensus on what needs to be done to improve

conditions for pedestrians.

Expert trainers lead workshop

participants in developing a vision for a walkable community. They highlight ways in which land use and transportation decisions affect walking, health, physical activity, and livability. The trainers are experienced professionals from diverse backgrounds and fields of work, including planning, transportation engineering, public health, pedestrian policy, and program development.

In 2003 the NCBW will present Walkable Community Workshops to communities in nine Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) regions. During this series of workshops, more than 1,500 participants will learn the basics



A local "walkabout" is a feature of each Walkable Community Workshop

of how to create a walkable community and identify actions they can take to make it happen.

For more about the WCW program, visit the National Center for Bicycling & Walking's web site at:

http://www.bikewalk.org

### **About The NCBW**

The National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW) is a national, nonprofit [501(c) (3)] corporation established in 1977. Our mission is to create bicycle-friendly and walkable communities.

In 2001, the NCBW was awarded a multi-year grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to provide information and resources to communities and professionals working to create more activity-friendly communities. The grant is part of RWJF's efforts to provide improved opportunities for Americans to be physically active on a daily basis in the communities where they live and work.

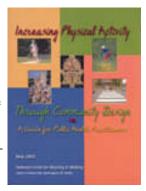
The NCBW works with local, state, and national bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation advocates to bring about changes in government policies, programs, and procedures to help create more bicycle friendly and walkable communities.

You can learn more about NCBW and our work at http://www.bikewalk.org.

### Get Your Copy of Increasing Physical Activity Through Community Design

The National Center for Bicycling & Walking (NCBW) has just reissued its popular guide, Increasing Physical Activity Through Community Design. This 48-page guide focuses on how to make communities more bicycle-friendly and walkable.

To order printed copies, use this online form: http://www.bikewalk.org/PubHealth.htm.



"Increasing Physical Activity Through Community Design" is available at www.bikewalk.org

You can also download the booklet in the .pdf format, or view it in your browser using the links to the right.

The *Increasing Physical Activity* guide is designed to provide public health practitioners and others an introduction to increasing physical activity through better community de-

sign, specifically by making it easier and safer to walk and bicycle. It presents an introduction to community design issues, and describes seven kinds of projects that can help create more bicycle-friendly and walkable communities. It also discusses how such projects get funded, and presents an array of resources to help with implementation.

In addition to the print version, the full-color *Increasing Physical Activity* guide is available as both .html (browser viewable) and as portable document files (.pdf). You can download the entire booklet in a single file if you have a reasonably fast connection to the Internet, or you can download four smaller files which make up the entire booklet.

### **General Resources**

A wealth of resources are available on the Internet for those who want to know more about pedestrian facility design and planning and how to make their community more walkable.

National Center for Bicycling & Walking http://www.bikewalk.org

**Pedestrian & Bicycle Information Center** http://www.walkinginfo.org/

America Walks (Coalition of Pedestrian Advocacy Groups)

http://www.americawalks.org/

## **Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse**

http://www.enhancements.org/

Many of these resources are available on or are linked directly from the NCBW web site at http://www.bikewalk.org

#### Safe Routes to School

http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/

#### Walking School Bus

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/kidswalk/

#### Walk to School Day

http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/

#### US DOT Policy Statement on Integrating Bicycling and Walking into Transportation Infrastructure

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/Design.htm

#### Proposed new ADA guidelines

http://www.americawalks.org/news/clippings/prow.htm

### Good Pedestrian Plans and Design Guidelines (from the PBIC: www.walkinginfo.org)

#### **Portland Pedestrian Master Plan**

One of the first comprehensive pedestrian plans for a city; complemented by a detailed design manual for pedestrian facilities.

www.trans.ci.portland.or.us/Plans/ PedestrianMasterPlan/default.htm

#### Cambridge Pedestrian Plan

Beautifully produced and thorough plan incorporating specific suggestions for

sites throughout the city, design guidelines, links to other modes, and more. www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/~CDD/ envirotrans/walking/pedplan

# Wisconsin Pedestrian Policy Plan 2020

One of the few statewide pedestrian plans focuses on the policies and programs that will help improve conditions for walking. www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/ped2020.htm

# Florida Pedestrian Facilities Planning and Design Handbook

A detailed manual on pedestrian facility planning and development. Thorough coverage of planning factors, design detail and more.

www11.myflorida.com/Safety/ped\_bike/ped\_bike standards.htm

# More examples of good pedestrian plans and design guides:

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